Loving God

The multitude of many people desire to show loyalty unto God and thus seem that they love Him. Yet there are many who know not how can they love God. "If ye love Me, **keep My commandments**." John 14:15. "He that hath My commandments, **and keepeth them**, he it is that loveth Me." John 14:21.

What are the commandments of God? "But when the Pharisees had heard that He had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked Him a question, tempting Him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This **is the first and great commandment**. **And the second is like unto it**, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Matthew 22:34-40. These commandments which are grouped into two are they that show the duty of man to his God.

These commandments which are in two groups were written by God Himself with His finger upon two tables of stone, one table with one group of commandments while the other with another. "And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God." Exodus 31:18. "And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone." Deuteronomy 4:13. The whole word of God is briefly comprehended in the ten commandments.

We are now doubtless that when Jesus was telling the lawyer to love God and his neighbour was telling him to do or to keep the ten commandments of God which He wrote upon the two tables of stone. The first table with the four first commandments which define the relation between God and man, that is, how to love God. And the second table with the six second commandments which define the relation between man and his fellowman, that is, how to love his fellowman.

The following are the ten commandments of God as written in Exodus 20:3-17.

I

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3.

II

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God Am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:4-6.

III

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Exodus 20:7.

IV

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour; and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11.

V

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

VI

"Thou shalt not kill." Exodus 20:13.

VII

"Thou shalt not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14.

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"Thou shalt not steal." Exodus 20:15.

IX

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour." Exodus 20:16.

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"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's." Exodus 20:17.

Having seen the ten commandments of God committed unto Moses the prophet upon mount Sinai, now let us learn on how to do them starting with the second group of the commandments which were written upon the second table, which define the relation between man and his fellowman. It is manifest that these six commandments are known unto all men all over the earth, for they are used by men to measure humanity, benevolence and integrity of a man. These commandments are taught and exhorted by all powers upon the earth to all classes of people. All books of the law on earth are just expound or define these six commandments to **justify justice, equality, peace, and safety among all men**. Breaking these six commandments is offensive in any human family. And those who break them are called criminals and are condemned if perhaps even death sentence. "Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." Romans 13:8-10.

So then the five named commandments above and the other one which was not named, the fifth, which says, "Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee," are briefly comprehended in the saying, Thou Shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. It is a sure thing that **we fulfill the law by showing**

love. We commit sin as we break the law.

Some have been reasoning that the ten commandments of God are invalid. Jesus by seeing this He warns His disciples, saying, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Matthew 5:17-18. This is because "On these two commandments **hang all the law and the prophets**." Matthew 22:40. Important and significant thing here is that, the law and all the precepts which God gave through His prophets, the foundation was His ten commandments. Through the law and the prophets God designed to protect His commandments.

Another important thing here and of significance is how Jesus fulfilled the law and the prophets. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill, and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment." Matthew 5:21. "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." Matthew 5:27-28. We have now understood that breaking the commandments of God may be physically, that is, committing by using members of the body or spiritually, that is, imagining or purposing to commit in heart. Jesus fulfilled the law by teaching His disciples how they ought to keep it. Notwithstanding He did not allow to break the commandments of God physically or spiritually.

Now let us look on another group of the commandments which is the first containing four commandments written upon the first table, which define the relation between God and man, which Jesus talks about when telling the lawyer, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:37-38. These first four commandments are neither exhorted nor taught to be kept by divers powers on earth as it is to the second six commandments.

Let us now learn on one commandment after another among the four commandments written upon the first table of which Jesus says, is "the first and great commandment." Matthew 22:38.

"Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3. This is the first commandment. God bids us to worship and serve Him alone. When Jesus was tempted by the tempter, He refused to worship and serve him. The devil would have Jesus broken the first commandment of God, yet he did not succeed. "Again, the devil taketh Him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and saith unto Him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Matthew 4:8-10. An important thing which we learn here is that, to worship other gods either by **communing with evil spirits** or whatsoever **iniquity** to gain any advantage and finally to fulfill the desire of the heart is a sin before God.

"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God Am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the

third and fourth generation of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:4-6. This is the second commandment. Moses the prophet cautions the children of Israel in reference to the commandment telling them, "And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth: and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven." Deuteronomy 4:13-19.

It is a sin to make a likeness of any living or non-living thing, that is in heaven, in the earth, or in the water and bow down to it or worship it, and serve it. There are some whom "Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. They have mouths, but they speak not: eyes have they, but they see not: They have ears, but they hear not: noses have they, but they smell not: They have hands, but they handle not: feet have they, but they walk not: neither speak they through their throat. They that make them are like unto them; so is every one that trusteth in them." Psalms 115:4-8. "What profiteth the **graven** image that the maker thereof hath graven it; the **molten** image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?" Habakkuk 2:18. "Cursed be the man that maketh any **graven** or **molten** image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman." Deuteronomy 27:15. An idol can be the drawn, the graven or molten image, all are an abomination unto God. "Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry." Acts 17:16. The apostles were also stirred by idolatry.

"Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain." Exodus 20:7. This is the third commandment. Using the name of the Lord in whatsoever manner dishonourable and inglorious to God is exactly the same as taking in vain His name, this is trespass before Him. "And ye shall not swear by My name falsely, neither shall thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD." Leviticus 19:12. To swear falsely also by the name of the Lord is to take it in vain leading to profane it. The name of the Lord should be taken when we praise and worship Him moreover with fear and trembling, as it is highly exalted.

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11. This is the fourth commandment.

Which day is the Sabbath? Can one set apart any day in the week and make it his sabbath? "And that day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on. And the women also, which came with Him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how His body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; **and rested the Sabbath day according to the commandment**." Luke 23:54-56. Here we see two days, the day of **Preparation** in which the women went to behold the sepulchre of their Lord Jesus Christ and how His body was laid, and the **Sabbath** which drew on following the day of Preparation in which the women rested according to the commandment. "Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus." Luke 24:1-3.

From the Scriptures, we understand that the day of Preparation the women came unto the sepulchre, and on the same day when they returned they prepared the spices, but the next day which is the Sabbath they rested. And very early in the morning upon the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre with their spices, and found the Lord Jesus had risen. In all the earth it is known that the Lord Jesus rose again on Sunday which is the first day of the week. If Sunday is the first day of the week, Monday is the second, Tuesday is the third, Wednesday is the fourth, Thursday is the fifth, Friday is the sixth, and Saturday is the seventh. We have now understood that the day of Preparation is Friday, the Sabbath day is Saturday, and the first day of the week is Sunday. "The seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God." Exodus 20:10. For a man to have his own another day of worship and make it his sabbath instead of the holy Sabbath of the Lord is an abomination before Him, for He says, "Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you." Exodus 31:14. **There is no other day in the week that is holy except the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week—Saturday**. "Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant." Exodus 31:16. The Sabbath is a perpetual covenant between God and His people.

When does the Sabbath begin? "And God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night." Genesis 1:5. A day is formed by the light which is called Day, and the darkness which is called Night. The Day is ruled by the light which appears when the sun shines the light, that is, dawning or rising, and the Night is ruled by the darkness which appears when the sun withdraws the shining, that is, when goes down or set. **A day begins when the sun goes down and comes to pass in the evening the next day when the sun goes down again**. When a day is past then another day begins at once. "And the evening and the morning were the first day." Genesis 1:5. The word **and the evening** shows that a day begins in the evening, and the morning shows the beginning of another part of the same day because a day has two parts, day and night. There are differences of times and seasons in divers parts of the world due to geographical reasons. Therefore, this manner of starting to count the days when the sun goes down belongs to God and it is fixed.

"And now when the even was come, because it was the Preparation, that is, the day before the Sabbath." Mark 15:42. "And that day was the Preparation, and the Sabbath drew on." Luke 23:54. The day when Jesus was crucified on the cross was the day of Preparation and afterward on the same day the Sabbath drew on. It was in the evening of that Friday when the Sabbath began. Therefore **the Sabbath begins on Friday when the sun goes down and**

comes to pass the next day, that is, Saturday when the sun goes down.

Why does God say Remember the Sabbath day? Because it is "the Sabbath of the LORD thy God." Exodus 20:10. Because it is "holy to the LORD." Exodus 31:16. Because it is "a perpetual covenant." Exodus 31:16. It is His day, the memorial day of creation which He had made in six days. Did Jesus also keep the Sabbath and hallowed it? "And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up: and, **as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day**, and stood up for to read." Luke 4:16. It is certain that Jesus also kept the Sabbath and that is why for the holiness of this day He foretells His followers in their tribulation "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time." Matthew 24:21, saying, "But pray ye that your flight be not **in the winter**, neither **on the Sabbath day**." Matthew 24:20.

Did the apostles also keep the Sabbath? "Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them returned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with his hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience." Acts 13:13-16. Paul continues to say, "Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew Him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every Sabbath day, they have fulfilled them in condemning Him." Acts 13:26-27. It is certain that the apostles likewise kept the Sabbath. The people of God in Pisidia were very moved by the message of Paul while he was in the devotion together with Barnabas on the Sabbath day. "And when the Jews were gone out of synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next Sabbath. Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. **And the next Sabbath day** came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:42-44.

In Macedonia too where the apostles went to preach the gospel, they held on praying on the Sabbath day. "And **on the Sabbath** we went out of the city by the river side, **where prayer was wont to be made**; and we set down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither." Acts 16:13.

The Sabbath day is the day set apart by God Himself as a day of worship where by men ought to refrain themselves from all their work to worship Him. The day can also be spent to reach out the physical and spiritual needs of the needy. "And when He was departed thence, He went into their synagogue: and, behold, there was a man which had his hand withered. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath days? **That they might accuse Him**. And He said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the Sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? **How much then is a man better than a sheep**? Wherefore it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days. Then saith He to the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, like as the other." Matthew 12:9-13.

Thus it is lawful to do well on the Sabbath days.

What did John the prophet see in the Temple of God in heaven? "And the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there was seen in His temple the ark of His testament." Revelation 11:19. Let us remember that the earthly temple was after the similitude of the heavenly temple. And in the ark of the covenant were the two tables of stone written the ten commandments of God. "There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put therein at Horeb, when the LORD made the covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt." 2 Chronicles 5:10. "And He declared unto you His covenant, which He commanded you to perform, even ten commandments; and He wrote them upon two tables of stone." Deuteronomy 4:13. "The tables were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written." Exodus 32:15. It is evident that we shall keep the commandments of God not only in the earthly universe but even in the heavenly universe.

If the seventh-day Sabbath is Saturday, why do this day the multitude of many people pray on Sunday? From way back, almost four thousand years ago, The pagans had their own religious system built on idolatry. Their holy day was the first day of the week, which was called Sun-day for the allegiance unto the sun-god. So Sunday was observed by the pagans. However in the days of the reign of Constantine, the emperor of Rome, a pagan empire that ruled the world at that time, claimed that he had converted to Christianity. To gain supremacy, he professed many rites of sun worship from the pagans. Sunday observance was one among the rites. It was supposed to be more convenient to let the pagans keep their own day of worship on Sunday, and ask Christians to join them in its observance. Therefore Constantine was the first to make a decree in 321 A.D. to observe Sunday instead of Sabbath. In 330 A.D., Constantine moved his capital from Rome to Constantinople and committed the whole city of Rome to the bishop of Rome as the Basilica. And in 336 A.D., the Catholic Church, in the Council of Laodicea transferred the solemnity from Saturday to Sunday. The Catholic Church did not only end there, in 364 A.D., she made Sunday a sacred day. As the Roman empire was ruling the world at that time, though it was separated in 476 A.D., yet the papacy has strengthened the very decree of Constantine of worshiping on Sunday until most deeply rooted throughout Christendom and the world at large.

Will there be a time when all men on earth shall be enforced to worship on the same day? What is the day? Yes! There will be a time when all men on earth shall be enforced to worship on the same day. It is Sunday, the first day of the week. The national Sunday law will be announced in America, a model country of religious liberty on the globe, when it shall repudiate the claims of its constitution which admits religious liberty. The main reason for the announcement will be to rescue the country economy by adding working days through enforcing the citizens of that country to work in six days in the week and rest on Sunday instead of Saturday. It is plain that America is the country with the highest economy on the globe, thus other nations will be convinced to pattern after this nation so as to rescue the world economy. Yet at that time the world shall become perplexed with diseases, wars and famines. The word of God warns that, whosoever shall keep Sunday "shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of His indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." Revelation 14:10. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." Revelation 14:13.

Shall we be saved by grace? Yea! It is certain that we have been saved by the grace. "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God." Ephesians 2:8. None can claim that it is by his own power he has righteousness to be saved. It is only by the grace which Jesus revealed on the cross of Calvary by giving His life for man that can save us, neither it is by self-righteousness by the works of the law as unto the Pharisees. **The duty of man is to love his Creator by keeping His commandments.** Yet there is the grace of God and it shall endure even unto the very time when the people of God in their tribulation shall be sought out of their adversaries to be slain. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but **for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."** Matthew 24:22. **"Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."** Revelation 14:12. At that time God's people must be patient and put their trust in Him that He shall save them.

Can one keep only some of the commandments among the ten and yet be counted that he loves God? Nay! "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For **He that said**, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if through commit not adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law." James 2:10-11. It is clear that a man is counted a transgressor of the law before God by breaking even a single commandment among the ten.

Shall a man have faith without works and be justified? "What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warned and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is died? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." James 2:14-24. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26. Therefore faith must unite with works. Keeping all the commandments is possible as "The things that are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27.

The conflict between good and evil has been waxing for centuries, and shall wax strong as the end of the time draws at hand, where God is on the side of good and satan on the side of evil. The origin of all evil is breaking of God's ten commandments, whereby God is insisting men to keep them, while satan through his agents is teaching that they are nonsense and unworthy to be kept. Although all the commandments of God have become the foundation of the great controversy between good and evil, yet the last battle shall highly involve the day of worship. In this last battle every one shall be involved. "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads." Revelation 13:16. This mark is not something obvious to the eye that shall be received in the right hand or in the forehead, but it is to **accept**

the observance of Sunday instead of Saturday—The Lord's holy Sabbath. As we draw near the end of the controversy between good and evil, the Sabbath being the point of controversy, at the end only two groups of worshippers will be manifest. **There shall be only two groups, not else**. Every man all over the world must stand on one side or the other. The side of those who obey God or the side of those who obey man; the side of those who keep the Lord's holy Sabbath or the side of those who keep Sunday, which was created by man as a day of worship. No lukewarm, nothing more. The eminent instrumentalities in the movement to accomplish this question include the papacy, America, kings of the earth, merchants and religious leaders.

The papacy is the most eminent in the movement in cooperation with the other instrumentalities as mentioned above. For years has been difficult and impossible to unite the various religious bodies as one. For now the question is highly fruitful. "Peace and safety," "Our God is one," are the deceitful words ever used to adorn this confederacy. America as a Protestant government regards religious liberty, but when she shall support the papacy by enacting a law which will enforce her citizens to observe the first day of the week against their conscience will disconnect herself fully from righteousness. Currently the efforts to enact the law are made in divers states of the country.

The forums conducted by various countries on earth endeavour to devise plans to rescue the world economy. The movement will continue and finally it shall be seen that a sound conclusion is to increase working days. Legislatures in divers countries shall pass a law which will enforce the citizens to work in six days, that is, from Monday to Saturday, and rest on Sunday. Although in different countries on earth resting on Sunday is not yet legal, still the vast majority of the inhabitants of the earth nowadays rest on Sunday, spending it either for usual rest or for worship. Likewise legislative assemblies nowadays sit in six days in the week, except Sunday. It is not surprising nowadays to see some even the public offices are opened on the Sabbath day. The majority of the merchants have been closing their business on Sunday claiming that it is not a business day.

The papacy has highly achieved to unite the various religious denominations through their ministers. Religious leaders have been used as papal right-hand helpers, while satan is using them to divert the attention of their followers from the commandments of God. That which the Scriptures declare to be a perfect law of liberty is represented as a yoke of bondage. Many people accept their minister's explanations of Scripture and do not investigate for themselves. Therefore by working through the ministers, satan can control them according to his will.

The pope who is the most influential religious leader on earth, exercises and he shall keep on exercising his influence over the leaders of various religions so as to bring union among the bodies. The union cannot be achieved without total doctrinal agreement. **Religious differences will be lessened as much as possible**, while the blind religious leaders claim that "Our God is one," and make their believers to believe so. That deceitful saying will ever be used as a snare to make void the law of Jehovah. By convincing the religious leaders especially non-Christians, the purpose to have one day of worship in all the earth shall be achieved. Therefore when America shall announce Sunday as a day of worship in that country, a large remaining part of the world will not surprise because it shall have been accustomed to resting on Sunday instead of **Saturday as God has commanded**.

God is of great mercy and infinite love. Before judging He ever gives warning to leave man without any excuse. Surely "He shall judge the world in righteousness, He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness." Psalms 9:8.

The most fearful warning ever given by God unto the human family is not found in what place soever but in Revelation 14:9, 10. It is written, "If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive the mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same **shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture** into the cup of his indignation: and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb." A **beast** in a prophetic language as used here represents power, sovereignty, empire, country, nation or kingdom. "These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth." Daniel 7:17. The beast which is talked about here represents the **papacy**. An **image** is a representation of a true thing. Therefore its image is Sunday—a false sabbath, which shall be made by the Protestant churches when they will convince the legislature to announce it as a day of worship in America for the first time before it is announced worldwide. **Mark** is a sign of allegiance. Therefore mark of the beast is **Sunday**. This is the sign of allegiance unto the papal power.

Since 364 A.D., when the Roman Catholic church declared that she had transferred the holiness from the seventh-day Sabbath to Sunday, the first day of the week, the mark of her authority has become Sunday. The observance of this day by other denominations is the homage they pay unto the papal power. Many people on earth have been observing Sunday instead of the Sabbath without knowing that they **pay an homage** unto the papal power. In **forehead** means in the heart or mind, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 4:23. In hand means working, "I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass Thine altar, O LORD." Psalms 26:6. We now understand that receiving the mark in a forehead, or in hand, is to accept Sunday as a day of worship which can also be manifested by hallowing it through refraining from work. **Worshiping the beast is to show loyalty, to pay an homage unto the papal power by the observance of Sunday instead of the seventh-day Sabbath**. "We ought to obey God rather than men." Acts 5:29. The judgment that shall come upon a rebellious man is likened unto the wine which is poured out without mixture, it is the indignation of God's wrath without mercy. The time of mercy is now. Jesus says, "And, behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Revelation 22:12. He keeps on saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." Revelation 22:13-15.

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